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NINETY-SECOND REGULAR MEETING, March 3, 1885.

Major J. W. Powell, the President, in the Chair.

The Secretary being absent the minutes were not read. The President announced that on account of the small attendance the Council had thought best to defer the regular program till another meeting, and that a portion of the time would be occupied by himself. He then addressed the Society upon Patriarchy, and the conditions of savage society which preceded and led to it.

He was followed by Mr. Cushing in some remarks upon artificial age and parentage among the Zuñis, illustrated by his own experience.

NINETY-THIRD REGULAR MEETING, March 17th, 1885.

Major J. W. Powell, President, in the Chair.

The Secretary of the Council announced the election of Prof. W. C. Kerr, of Raleigh, N. C., as a corresponding member, and Mr. E. R. L. Gould, of Washington, D. C., as an active member of the Society.

The following papers were then read:

"STUDY OF THE CIRCULAR ROOMS IN THE ANCIENT PUEBLOS," by Mr. VICTOR MINDELEFF.

"CIRCULAR ARCHITECTURE AMONG THE ANCIENT PERUVIANS," by Mr. W. H. HOLMES.

## DISCUSSION.

Prof. Mason. A very interesting separation has been made by the speakers of the evening without design. The subject for discussion is "Circular Architecture of the American Aborigines." Now in discus ing this theme we may have regard either to structure or function. If Mr. Turner had not been called away he would have told us of the Eskimo *igloo*, or winter temporary hut of ice or snow; Mr. Mindeleff described at length the circular rooms in the pueblo structures of our southwest territory, and Mr. Holmes has dwelt upon the chulpas. Structurally we have the material at hand